Restriction free export and import

†3096. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Government's policy, the export and import trade of the country is continuously getting free of restrictions;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a need to strengthen the domestic trade by making it successfully competitive;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for providing special incentives to certain special types of industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (e) With a view to making the Indian economy more competitive and to take it on the high growth path, all unnecessary restriction in the EXIM Policy has been progressively relaxed in conformity with the general policy of liberalization being followed by the Government. It is expected that domestic trade and industry will continue to benefit from the liberalized trade regime.

Declaration of exports as **a national priority**

3097. SHRI K.NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY :
DR. AKHILESH DAS :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industry has urged Government to declare exports as a national priority;

(b) if so, whether the industry has also urged Government for having a growth-oriented Exim Policy with **a** new Export Promotion Scheme to reimburse in respect of local taxes;

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